

AS

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 97-101-C - ORDER NO. 97-223  
MARCH 20, 1997

IN RE: Entry of BellSouth Telecommunications, ) ORDER  
Inc. into InterLATA Toll Market. ) ESTABLISHING  
 ) DOCKET AND  
 ) TIME TABLE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of the establishment of a separate Docket to consider the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) entry into the interLATA market pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). We have considered this matter, and hold the following: 1) Staff is instructed to establish a new Docket specifically for the 271 BellSouth entry in to the interLATA market proceeding; 2) BellSouth will not be required to comply with the information requested in Commission Order No. 96-753. After testimony is filed in this Docket by BellSouth on April 1, 1997, should the Staff or any other party wish to receive additional information, a data request may be served on BellSouth; 3) the Commission adopts the following time table as proposed by the Staff:

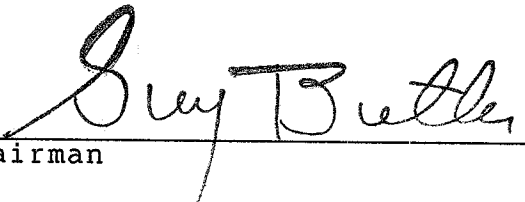
4-1-97 - BellSouth files testimony and 120 day notice concerning intent to file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for interLATA toll status;

- 4-1-97 - Notice of Filing and Hearing will be published by BellSouth concerning this Docket;
- 5-1-97 - Final day for intervention in this proceeding;
- 5-8-97 - Pre-Hearing Conference (if necessary to be held);
- 5-30-97- All other parties testimony due;
- 6-9-97 - BellSouth Supplemental Testimony due;
- 6-23-97- Hearing begins at 11:00 a.m; and
- 7-28-97- Commission decision made in regular meeting during this week.


We believe that the above adopted plan will aid us in our deliberations on this complex topic.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director  
(SEAL)